

Senate Bill 554

By: Senator Powell of the 23rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 38-3-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the emergency powers of the Governor, so as to repeal the Governor's power to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms in emergencies; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 38-3-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the emergency powers of the Governor, is amended by striking paragraph (8) of subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (8) to read as follows:

"(8) Suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of alcoholic beverages, firearms, explosives, and combustibles; ~~provided, however, that any limitation on firearms under this Code section shall not include an individual firearm owned by a private citizen which was legal and owned by that citizen prior to the declaration of state of emergency or disaster or thereafter acquired in compliance with all applicable laws of this state and the United States; and~~".

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.